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TAGS: SNAR, TU

SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION: CYPRUS, POPPY DECISION DEVELOPMENTS

1. THE OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING IN CYPRUS DOMINATED TUESDAY MORNING EDITIONS OF THE TURKISH PRESS AND TRT BROADCASTS, ALTHOUGH SOME PAPERS FOUND ROOM ON FRONT PAGES TO REPORT PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT'S REMARKS IN AFYON ON THE LIFTING OF THE POPPY BAN. (SETEL BEING PREPARED).

2. BECAUSE IMPORTANT TURKISH GOVERNMENT MEETINGS ON CYPRUS EXTENDED FAR INTO THE NIGHT, MANY TUESDAY DAILIES WERE LATE IN APPEARING. PARTLY AS A RESULT OF THIS, HEADLINE STORIES WERE CONFUSED AND CONTRADICTORY. IN THE HEADLINES:

HURRIYET: MAKARIOS OVERTHROWN AFTER BLOODY GREEK OFFICERS' COUP--WE WILL NOT ABANDON CYPRUS.

CUMHURIYET: MAKARIOS TAKING REFUGE AT ENGLISH BASE DISCLOSED--  
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ATHENS DECLARED A GREEK REPUBLIC IN CYPRUS--TURKEY CONSIDERES THE EVENT GREEK INTERVENTION

SON HAVADIS: MAKARIOS WAS KILLED

BARIS: WE WILL INTERVENE IN CYPRUS--NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
CALLED TO EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

MILLIYET: COUP IN CYPRUS--MAKARIOS FATE UNKNOWN--EOKAIST  
SAMPSON DECLARED PRESIDENT

GUNAYDIN: TURK-GREEK WAR CAN EXPLODE AT ANY MOMENT--MAKARIOS  
WHO TOOK REFUGE AT ENGLISH BASE BARELY SAVED HIS  
LIFE IN COUP.

3. IN SIDEBARS, ALMOST ALL PAPERS PROMINENTLY PLAY PRIME  
MINISTER ECEVIT'S STATEMENT MONDAY THAT "NO ONE SHOULD  
ATTEMPT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE DISTURBANCES." ALSO  
INCLUDED IN SEVERAL PAPERS WERE ROUNDUP STORIES OF WORLD  
REACTION TO THE COUP. BOTH MILLIYET AND HURRIYET GAVE FRONT  
PAGE PLAY TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT MONDAY THAT THE  
UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE INDEPENDENCE AND  
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE ISLAND.

4. THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING EVENTS IN CYPRUS CAME TOO FAST FOR  
MOST PAPERS TO COMMENT. HOWEVER, MILLIYET EDITOR ABDI  
IPEKCI DECLARED THAT IN THE EVENT THE COUP SUCCEEDS, THE  
NEW RULERS OF CYPRUS WILL BE PARTISANS OF ENOSOS. DESPITE  
STATEMENTS BY THE REBELS THAT THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE  
ISLAND WOULD BE MAINTAINED, IPEKCI DECLARED THAT "...SOONER  
OR LATER UNDERTAKINGS BY SUCH A REGIME AGAINST THE TURKISH  
COMMUNITY AND IN VIOLATION OF CURRENT AGREEMENTS CAN BE  
EXPECTED.

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